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CULTURAL FEAST

Exhibition

Title: Places, spaces Artist: Kashef Mahboob Chowdhury Venue: Goethe-Institute, Dhanbmondi Date: June 29-July 14

Artist: 12 artists who participated in Watercolour Artist Camp held at Khagrachhar

Venue: Shilpakala Academy, Shegun Date: July 12-21, from 11am to 7pm on

weekdays and 3pm to 8pm on Fridays

Film Screening

Organiser: High Commission of India Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, House 25, Road 96, Gulshan-1 Date: July 4-22 Junoon July 15 Nazar Biyallish

Title: German Feature Film Venue: Goethe-Institute, Dhanbmondi Date: July 17-25 Show-times: 3:30pm, 5:30pm, 7:30pm

Zeher

Play

July 22

Title: Brand Group: Centre for Asia Theatre Venue: Bonomali Theatre Auditorium, Date: July 09-10, from 7pm

Title: Roktokarobi Group: Nagorik Nattya Shamproday Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall.

Shilpakala Academy

Date: July 12, from 7pm Title: Mousetrap Group: Padatik Nattya Sangsad Venue: Mahila Samiti Auditorium, Baily

Date: July 11, from 7pm Title: Prachya Group: Dhaka Theatre Venue: Mahila Samiti Auditorium, Baily

Group Exhibition

Date: July 16, from 7pm

Artist: Eleven artistes from Chittagong Venue: Alliance Française, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi **Date**: July 08-14

CD Release

Title: Trishna Amar Hariye Gechhey Lvricist: KG Mustafa Organiser: Panchashwar Guests: Kalim Sharafi, Robin Ghosh, Subal Das, Mobarok Hossain Khan Venue: Goethe-Institute, House 10, Road 09, Dhanmondi Date: July 15, at 6:30pm

Drama Festival

Occasion: Staging of plays directed by the students of Dramatics Department of Dhaka University Organiser: Department of Theatre and Music of Dhaka University Venue: Nat Mandal Auditorium, Dhaka **Date**: July 10-17

Photography Exhibition

Title: Quest for Harmony Artist: Noazesh Ahmed nue: Bengal Gallery of Fin Dhanbmondi Date: July 11-24, from 12pm to 8pm

Commemorative Meeting

Occasion: Death Anniversary of Dr. Muhammad Shahidullah Discussants: Murtaja Bashir, Jahangir Alam Zahid, AKM Aminul Islam Venue: Seminar Hall of Bangla Date: July 13, at 4pm

Chashi Nazrul Islam: A director | Shammilito Shankskritik Jote suggests of substance

HASHI Nazul Islam would, in all likelihood, be on anyone's list of top three Bangladeshi movie directors. Debuting in 1971 with Ora Egaro Jon, which is considered to be the first movie on the Liberation War to make an intense impact on our masses, Chashi has never had to look back since. What separates him from his peers is his inclination towards remarkable stories by renowned authors -- be it classic novels by Sharatchandra Chattyopadhyay or contemporary work by Selina Hossain.

Did he always know that he would be a filmmaker and how did he start? A smiling Chashi asserts, "Never had any doubt. I knew what I wanted to do with my life since I was a student of class seven. I started as an assistant director and had the opportunity to work with Fateh Lohani for Shomadhan (1962). I've worked with other eminent directors like Obaidul Haque, Rashed Asgar



Chashi Nazrul Islam (C) with Champa (L) and Purnima

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Chowdhury, Mohsin aka Karigor and Syed Muhammad Awwal. I consider myself fortunate that I could learn from the best of direc-

Why the obsession with popular literary works? Chashi retorts. "I don't make movies based solely on what's selling. I always stick to novels and stories that have somehow moved me. I've made Debdash (1982), Chandranath (1984) and Shubhoda (1986) based on Sharatchandra's novels

somehow moved me because I feel that very few authors have focused so closely on Bangalee society as well as

our individuality. Decades have passed, yet the appeal of his creations don't seem to fade. I was overwhelmed by the strange reality of the time depicted in Selina Hossain's Hangor Nodi Grenade and I knew I had to make a movie on that." Chashi has also made Biroho Bvatha (1988), based on Bankimchandra Chattyo-padhyay's Bishbrikkho. It should be mentioned that his Shubhoda holds a record of winning 12 National Awards. Any incident while shooting,

that still haunts him? Chashi takes his time and responds, "It was during the shooting of Ora Egaro Jon. Khasru, one of the lead actors, brought two captive Pakistani soldiers and said. 'Let's make the film as realistic as possible and kill these rogues!' I was so shocked. I didn't know what to say at first. You have to understand this was right after our Liberation War and the War was still very alive in peoples' mind. I however explained to him that according to the Geneva Convention, we were not allowed to harm the captive soldiers. I still get flashes of that

Chashi's last film was Shasti (2005) based on Rabindranath Tagore's short story and it has been well received by both masses and critics. He is currently working on Shubha, another short story by Tagore. Why Shubha?

Chashi says, "Partly because of the title. 'Shubha' is short for Shubhashini -- the lead character's name. She is mute, yet Tagore christened her Shubhashini (an articulate woman). The story has intrigued me. We began shooting on June 1 and currently we're doing the dubbing. To make a movie version of a short story I had to elaborate on the plot without moving away from the track Tagore had set."

Purnima plays the lead role, Shubha, while Sagib Khan plays Protap. Famed actress of yestervears. Suiata makes a comeback after all these years, with the movie as Shubha's mother.

Chashi is also working on the scripts of Gendu Sheikh by Golam Gafur and Shudhu Tomar Jonnyo by

steps to promote cultural activities

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Shammilito Shankskritik Jote (SSJ), a forum of cultural activists, presented a 19-point demand at the Central Shaheed Minar on July 10. The aim is to promote cultural activities in the country.

Presided over by Nasiruddin Yousuff, the president of SSJ, eminent cultural activists of the country Ramendu Mmajumder, Golam Kuddus, Mannan Hira and others delivered speeches

The main aspects of the SSJ's 19point demand were the introduction of cultural activities at school level. They also demanded the autonomy of the radio and television. For transparency, the SSJ leaders sought the involvement of the acclaimed cultural activists in the committees of the ministry of Cultural Affairs and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. Moreover, they called for wider practices of Jatra and other indigenous performing art forms, as well as the preserva-

tion of cultural activities of ethnic

Another aspect of their demand was the amendment of the 'Endorsement Act' and 'Film Society Controlling Act', which according to the SSJ activists, are the major obstacles for the development of cultural activities in the country. The renovation of the movie halls and theatres in different parts of the country were also in the charter of demands.

First day, first take **Sharmin Shila**

It was back in 1998, when Afsana Mimi cast me for her television play Rong Kora Putul. We went to Ashulia for shooting and Mimi explained the role to me. In the shot I was supposed to carry on a serious conversation with Mimi who played the role of my elder sister. I was very nervous. Mimi encouraged me by saying how simple the shot was. I am really grateful to her, because she had confidence in me.

When the camera started rolling, the director signalled me to go on. I started delivering my lines without paying heed to what I was saying. But when I saw the shot was okayed in one take, I felt that I really did well. Everybody congratulated me. And that was the last time I felt scared in front of the camera. Now I am much more confident and can give a smooth perfor-



Kabir Bedi wins **Asian Jewel Award**

PTI, London

Internationally acclaimed actor Kabir Bedi was honoured with the Asian Jewel Lifetime Achievement Award at a glittering function in London, to celebrate the achievements of Asians in Britain recently.

Bedi, who shot to international fame for his role in the Hollywood film Sandokan, "truly deserved the award". The function was organised by London-based Institute of Asian

Professionals and is supported by a number of organisations in the UK.

Nobel Prize Winner Claude Gowarikar set to Simon passes away



At the time, he was the

Nobel laureate Claude Simon, a pioneer of the experimental "new novel" style of the late 1950s and early 1960s, has died. He was 91. Simon died on July 6 and

was buried Saturday in Paris, according to France's Culture Ministry.

The Swedish Academy that awarded Simon the 1985 Nobel Prize in litera-

ture cited the novel Les Georgiques (The Georgics) as perhaps his most important work. The 1981 novel depicts Simon's experience with the Republican side in the Spanish Civil War.

first Frenchman to win the Nobel since playwright and author Jean-Paul Sartre was honoured with the award but turned it down in Born of French parents

on October 10, 1913, in Tananarive, on the island of Madagascar, Simon began writing in 1945 with Le Tricheur (The Cheat), an existential fable that resembled Albert Camus' The Stranger.

The author of over 20 works. his major literary breakthrough as an exponent of the French "nouveau roman" or new novel style came in 1960, with La

character development. Simon's novels present characters in a state of emotional turmoil, often obsessed with memories.

Route Des Flandres (The

Flanders Road) set during

dispensed with such liter-

ary norms as plot and

The "new novel" style

World War II.

"French literature has lost one of its greatest authors." French Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin said in a statement from his office. "Claude Simon will remain as one of the great novelists of collective and individual memory.'

Simon once said of his own work: "I am incapable of making up a story. All I write is taken directly from real life, I only copy reality."

Source: Internet

make "Jodha Akbar"

After the lukewarm response for his last movie Swades, director Ashutosh Gowariker has begun his research for his next film Jodha Akbar.

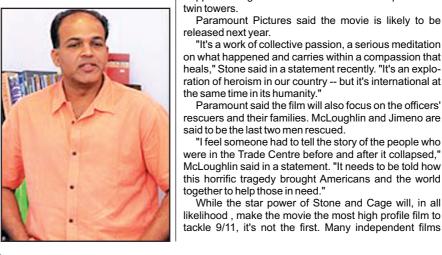
The idea for the film was suggested to him by a senior coactor and Ashutosh insists he hasn't got a fix on his lead actor -- neither Hrithik Roshan or Salman Khan, but indicates he will have a big star in the lead and a new heroine again.

On the plot of the film, he says, "What I can tell you about Jodha Akbar is, it depicts the marriage of alliance between

Akbar and Jodhabai and how the alliance transforms into love, so it's a pure love story. The movie ends when Salim is For Lagaan, he

said he had read every book on India he could lay his hands on and claims that by the end of his research for this film, he will be talking like the great Mughal himself!

Source: Internet



Oliver Stone to direct a film on 9/11 Nearly four years after the collapse of the World Trade have turned their lens to downtown New York, and in the

Centre, Oscar-winning director Oliver Stone will direct a film based on the true story of two police officers who were trapped in the rubble on September 11, 2001. The yet to be titled film features Oscar winner Nicolas

Cage as Port Authority police Sgt John McLoughlin. McLoughlin and fellow officer William J. Jimeno were trapped during rescue efforts after the collapse of the Paramount Pictures said the movie is likely to be

released next year. "It's a work of collective passion, a serious meditation

on what happened and carries within a compassion that heals," Stone said in a statement recently. "It's an exploration of heroism in our country -- but it's into the same time in its humanity. Paramount said the film will also focus on the officers'

rescuers and their families. McLoughlin and Jimeno are said to be the last two men rescued. "I feel someone had to tell the story of the people who

were in the Trade Centre before and after it collapsed,' McLoughlin said in a statement. "It needs to be told how this horrific tragedy brought Americans and the world together to help those in need."

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Magnum P.I. Oprah Winfrey Show

Bold And Beautiful

Hollywood Squares

The Simpsons

That 70s Show

The King Of Queens

Friends

Newsradio

Still Standing

Boston Public

Showreal Asia

\$100 Taxi Ride

Yes Dear

Friends

Whose Line Is It Anyway

Buffy The Vampire Slayer

While the star power of Stone and Cage will, in all likelihood, make the movie the most high profile film to

2002 film The Guys, Anthony LaPaglia played a fire captain who lost eight men in the towers' collapse. Stone has won best-director Oscars for Platoon and Born on the Fourth of July.

TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

News Bulletin

BTV

News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55 am.12:10 pm. 2:00 pm. 3:00 pm. 4:00 pm. 7:00 pm. News (Bangla) at 8:00 am 1:00 pm.5:00

pm.8:00 pm. News (English) at 3:00 pm. 10:00 pm. Late Night News (Bangla and English)

CHANNEL-i News (Bangla) at 7:15 am. 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm,

Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. **ATN BANGLA**

News (Bangla) at 7:00 am.10:00am. 2:00 pm. 7:00 pm. 10:00 pm, 11pm.

News (English) 8:20am,7:00pm Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m,10:00 am, 11:00 am.1:00pm.3:00 pm. 4:00pm.6:00 pm and 8:00 pm. ntv

News (Bangla) 7:30 am. 2:00 pm. 5:00 pm.7:30 pm.10:30 pm. Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. **TARA BANGLA**

News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30 pm. 7:30 pm.

Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm. 11:30 pm.

Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30

News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am.

12:00 am. 6:15 pm. 9:30 pm.

BBC WORLD Every hour on the hour

BTV

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Anniversary

Programme

Katha Mala 11:20 Shesher Kobita **HBO** 8:30 Apon Aloy Animal Kingdom

Action Adventure The Confrontation Dhakar Cinema. 10:15 Beethoven Family Drama Serial: Chill Factor Action 12:00 Kachher Manush 2:00 Swept Away Romano 4:00 The Glass House Suspense Thriller Children Programme 6:15 **HBO Sneak Peek**: Aapnar Jigyasha Specials Charlie's

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Poribar O Ekti Company On Channel-i at 7: 50 p.m. Genre: Drama Serial Cast: Ataur Rahman, Aupi Karim, Aly Zaker

Desher Khabai

Crime Watch

Bhumi

Aalochan

Drama Serial:

Dindarpan

Shubho Shondhaya

Drama Serial: Bela

Swarbarno Theatre

American Ninja 2:

Angles: Full Throttle Clear and Present Danger Suspense Thriller

STAR

07:45 Jack Stuck On You 09:45 11:45 Shark Zone 01:20 Bulworth 03:10 Sister Act

Tango and Cash

9:30 Action Adventure Fallen Horror Thriller American ninja 2: The Confrontation Action

MOVIE

Preacher's Wife The Agent Cody Banks

Tango and Cash Action Adventure On HBO at 9:30 p.m. Genre: Action/Adventure Cast: Sylvester Stallone, Kurt Russell, Jack Palance Evel Knievel

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From?

What Planet Are You

STAR PLUS Karishma Ka Karishma 12:30 Kasautii Zindagii Kay 01:00 01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa

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Pet Star

On the Edge

Jane Goodall's Return to Gombe America's Most Haunted Places Las Vegas

Newsradio **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**

03:30 National Geographic 04:30 Backyard Science 05:00 Serious: Arctic 05:30 Snake Wranglers 06:00 Planet Wild 06:30 Ng Explorer 07:30 Top Cat Mystery Of The Dakar 08:30 09:30 Interpol Investigates 10:30 Air Crash Investigation S2

11:30 Flying Devils ANIMAL PLANET

Ultimate Killers Tigers of Shark Bay Monkey Business Chimpanzee Diary The Jeff Corwin

Experience The Planet's Funniest Twisted Tales Pet Star

9:00 Chemical Killers 9:30 Crocs In the city 10:30 Wild Horses- Return to China 11:30 Animal Planet Showcase

After the Flood

DISCOVERY

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3:30 For Women Only Biology of Attraction Celebrity Doubles Wild Discovery Ice Island 5:30 Zach's Ultimate Guide Sharks Physical Science in Action 6:00 6:30 Life on the Edge

7:30 Wild Discovery 8:30 Great Leaders Mandela The Living Legend 9:30 Colour of War Triumph And Despair Space and Universe 95 Worlds and Counting

11:30 FBI Files STAR SPORTS Formula One British 09:30

Grand Prix (R) 10:00 Pga Europro Tour Highlights(R) 11:30 International Motorsports 12:30 Sanzar Home Tests 2005 02:30 Atp Tennis Campbell's Hall

Sportsline (L)

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The Golf Club (R) Race Day Silverstone Formula One 2005) World Touring Cars Championship Highlight

09:00 Gillette World Sports Fim World Motorcycle Championship) 10:30 Sportsline (R) 11:00 Hitz (R) 11:30 Pga Tour Highlights (T)

ESPN 08:30 Uk Domestic Cricket Twenty20 Cup 2005 Sussex Vs Surrey (T) Tour De France Tour De

France 2005 Stage 11:30 In The Driver's Seat 12:00 U.S. Women's Open Golf Champs 03:30 Brazilian Football

05:30 School Quiz Show 06:00 X Games Invitational Legends 06:30 World Pool Championships 2005 08:30 Sportscenter India (L) Cricket Gold (R)

Mad About Sport (R)

Sportscenter India (R)

Gillette World Sport

12:00 School Quiz Show 2005 **TEN SPORTS**

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WWE Heat 08:00 09:00 Total Rugby 09:30 Tour De France, Day 9 01:30 FIM Speedway Grand Prix: Denmark 02:30 **WWE Specials** Vengeance 05:30 WWE Raw

07:30 This Week In Review Motoop: Grand Prix USA - Laguba Seca H/Ls 10:00

Champ Car World Series H/Ls: Toronto, 11:00 WWE Raw

PICK OF THE DAY